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method as they ought. Some of the Leases have been Lodged with the
Agent & of others he has not even seen Copies. Many of the Stewards have
been heretofore extremely negligent & some of them resided at so great a
Distance from the Mannours which they were appointed to take care
of that perhaps they ~~may~~ never or very seldom saw them, & indeed the
Salaries allowed were too small to encourage a Person of Credit to
undertake that Duty or to induce any one to execute it with Dilligence.
I have often mentioned this to Col: Loyd & told him that I thought
we were sufficiently impowered to allow the Stewards any Reward that
we should think reasonable & said it was my Opinion that by giving
away a small Sum for good Stewards at this time His Ldp would in
the End be a Gainer seeing it might be expected that the Mannours
would be better managed & in all probability better tenanted. My first
Proposition should be that instead of permitting the Steward to hold a
Tenement Rent-free by way of Salary he should be allowed a larger
Commission on the Annual Rents that might be received for when
a Steward is not sufficiently interested in getting the whole Mannour
settled & the Rents duly paid it is not likely that he will be very
solicitous to get good Tenants. The Steward or Agent should
think keep a Book by way of Record for every Mannour wherein
all Leases for or Agreements concerning Parcels of such Mannour should
be duly entered & also a proper & particular Description of every Tract
or Parcel that should be leased or Tenanted, if this Rule had been
heretofore observed I should not have found such Difficulty in
getting His Ldp's Orders at this time executed. I think also that
every Steward should be enjoined to make out & keep a Plat of